**Informed consent form (Interviews)**

**(Form for research participant's permission)**

**1. Project information**

1.1 Title of research project: **Recognising and mitigating the influence of disruptive technologies: a strategy to enhance digital competence of South African university library staff**

1.2 **Researcher details**:

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1.3 **Research study description**.

This research aims to address the perceived gap in the knowledge and confidence of information professionals so that they can prepare themselves to identify and mitigate the influence of disruptive and harmful technologies while adhering to ethical conduct. Specifically, the research aims to develop a strategy for South African information professionals to enhance their digital competence, enabling them to recognise and alleviate the influence of disruptive technologies in university libraries. The study will identify the digital skills and competencies required to detect and mitigate the influence of disruptive technologies and ensure ethical use and application in academic libraries

1.4 Discussions will be recorded for transcription and reference purposes only. Only the note for the record of the interview, once it has been created from the recording, and reviewed and accepted by you, will be analysed further. The recording will be destroyed upon acceptance of the notes.

1.5 All information collected will be anonymised before the data analysis phase commences.

**2. Informed consent**

2.1 I, **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (*Name & Surname)*hereby voluntarily agree to participate in the project as explained to me by **Lesego Makhafola**

2.2 The nature, objective, possible safety, and health implications have been explained to me and I understand them.

2.3 I understand my right to choose whether to participate in the project and that the information furnished will be handled confidentially. I am aware that the results of the investigation may be used for the purposes of academic publication and conferences.

2.4 I agree / do not agree to have my responses recorded.

2.5 I am aware that I may request a copy of this document upon signature.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Researcher: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_­­­\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_